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## NOTICE OF IMPENDING DEVELOPMENT DE MINIMIS: CONSENT CALENDAR

**DATE:** June 21, 2018

**TO:** All Interested Parties

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Impending Development UCS-NOID-0001-18 (Edible Campus Program Student Garden Project) at West Campus at the University of California at Santa Barbara

Based on project plans and information submitted by the applicant regarding the development described below, the Executive Director of the Coastal Commission believes the proposed development is de minimis with respect to the purposes and provisions of the certified LRDP and has, therefore, scheduled it for review by the Commission on its Consent Calendar, pursuant to Section 13550(c) of the Commission's Regulations (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 5.5).

**Applicant:** University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB)

**Location:** Adjacent to the north side of the Orfalea Family Children's Center on the West Campus, University of California Santa Barbara

**Description:** The construction of an approximately 16,026 sq. ft. student garden with raised planter beds, a 100 sq. ft. 8 ft. tall shed, a 160 sq. ft. 10 ft. tall greenhouse, a 240 sq. ft. 10 ft. tall pergola, and 220 cu. yds. of fill. Electricity would be provided to the pergola and shed, a single main water line would run through the center of the garden for irrigation at the planter beds, and a 4 ft. tall fence with four gates for pedestrian and electric cart use would be constructed around the perimeter of the garden. Food grown in the garden would be for distribution through the Associated Students Food Bank and other campus outlets.

**Rationale:** The proposed development is minor in nature and within a previously disturbed site adjacent to the Orfalea Family Children's Center on West Campus. The project site, however, is within a recorded archaeological site. UCSB is proposing to import 220 cu. yds. of fill in order to minimize disturbance to the native soil. The imported fill would be used in the raised planter beds, and all plants would be grown in the planter beds. Trenching for utilities and footings for the shed, greenhouse, and pergola would be constructed within the fill area. A portion of the fence post footings would be within the native soil; however, an archaeological monitor and Native American monitor would be present during all ground disturbing activities. In areas where the native soil is disturbed, the soil

would be hand-dug and then screened by a qualified archaeologist and Native American monitor. Although the site is not within or adjacent to environmentally sensitive habitat areas (ESHA) or ESHA buffers, the Devereux slough and North Campus Open Space, which contain ESHA, are within the vicinity of the project. Therefore, UCSB proposes to require anyone selecting plants for the garden to refer to the California Invasive Plant Council Inventory to ensure that no invasive species are planted. This requirement is proposed to be included in the garden's operational manual. The proposed project is within the Housing land use designation, which allows garden activities that are ancillary to housing on campus. The proposed project is consistent with the site's Housing land use designation, since its purpose is to serve the student population that is housed on campus. The impending development will not result in potential adverse effects to any coastal resources including public access, and the project is consistent with UCSB's certified 2010 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP).

**IMPORTANT:** This NOID is not valid unless the project site has been posted and until the NOID has been reported to the Coastal Commission. This NOID is proposed to be reported to the Commission at the meeting of July 11, 2018 in Scotts Valley. If three Commissioners request that this NOID be scheduled for a public hearing on the LRDP calendar, this NOID shall be removed from the consent calendar, pursuant to Section 13103 of the Commission's Regulations.

Persons wishing to object to or having questions regarding this NOID should contact the Commission office at the above address or phone number prior to the Commission meeting date.

Sincerely,

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